

ABAWD Webinar Training Series: Regaining Eligibility



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- At the end of the presentation, we will address as many questions as possible.
- We will follow-up on questions that we cannot get to during the allotted presentation time.

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Upcoming Webinars

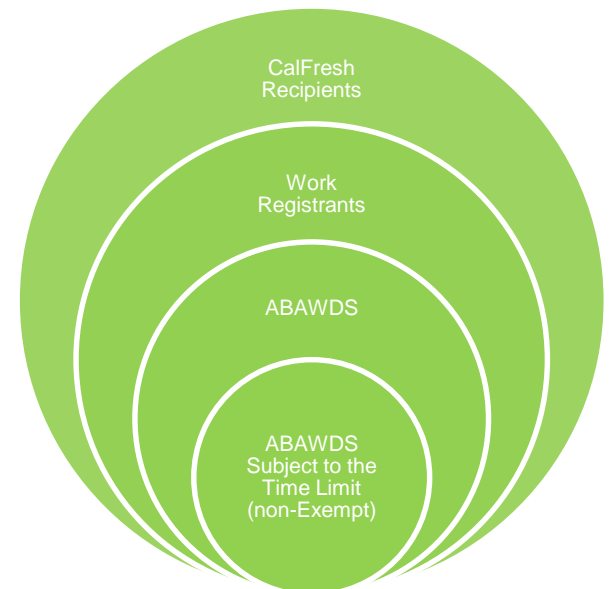
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Today's Agenda

- Review of Previous Webinars
- Regaining Eligibility
- Three Consecutive Months
- Key Takeaways
- Q&A

Webinar Training Series Recap

- ABAWD 101
- ABAWD Exemptions
- Satisfying the ABAWD Work Requirement
- Counting Months



Review: ABAWD Time Limit Rule

- ABAWD eligibility is limited to three, full, countable months within a 36-month period
- Applies to individuals that:
 - Are 18-49,
 - Have no dependents, and
 - Do not qualify for an exemption
- Requires:
 - ABAWDs to work or participate in a qualifying work activity for an average of 20 hours per week or for a total of 80 hours per month

Review: Countable Months

- Any month in which an ABAWD receives a full month of CalFresh benefits while **NOT**:
 - Exempt from the ABAWD time limit,
 - Satisfying the ABAWD work requirement,
 - Living in a waived county or area, or
 - In receipt of the 15 percent exemption
- Eligibility is limited to 3 months within a 36-month period

Losing Eligibility

- CalFresh benefits are discontinued
- CWDs must send timely and adequate notice before discontinuing CalFresh benefits
 - Must be sent no later than 10 days after the ABAWD reports their status
- ABAWDs will remain ineligible for the remainder of the 36-month period unless certain criteria are met

Regaining Eligibility

- An ABAWD may regain eligibility by:
 - Satisfying the work requirement for 30 consecutive days,
 - Qualifying for an exemption during any part of the month,
 - Moving to a waived county/area, or
 - Reaching the end of the 36-month period.
- Unlimited
- Must submit a new application
 - Must submit proof of hours worked if regaining through employment or other qualifying activity
 - New certification period
 - Countable months do not start over

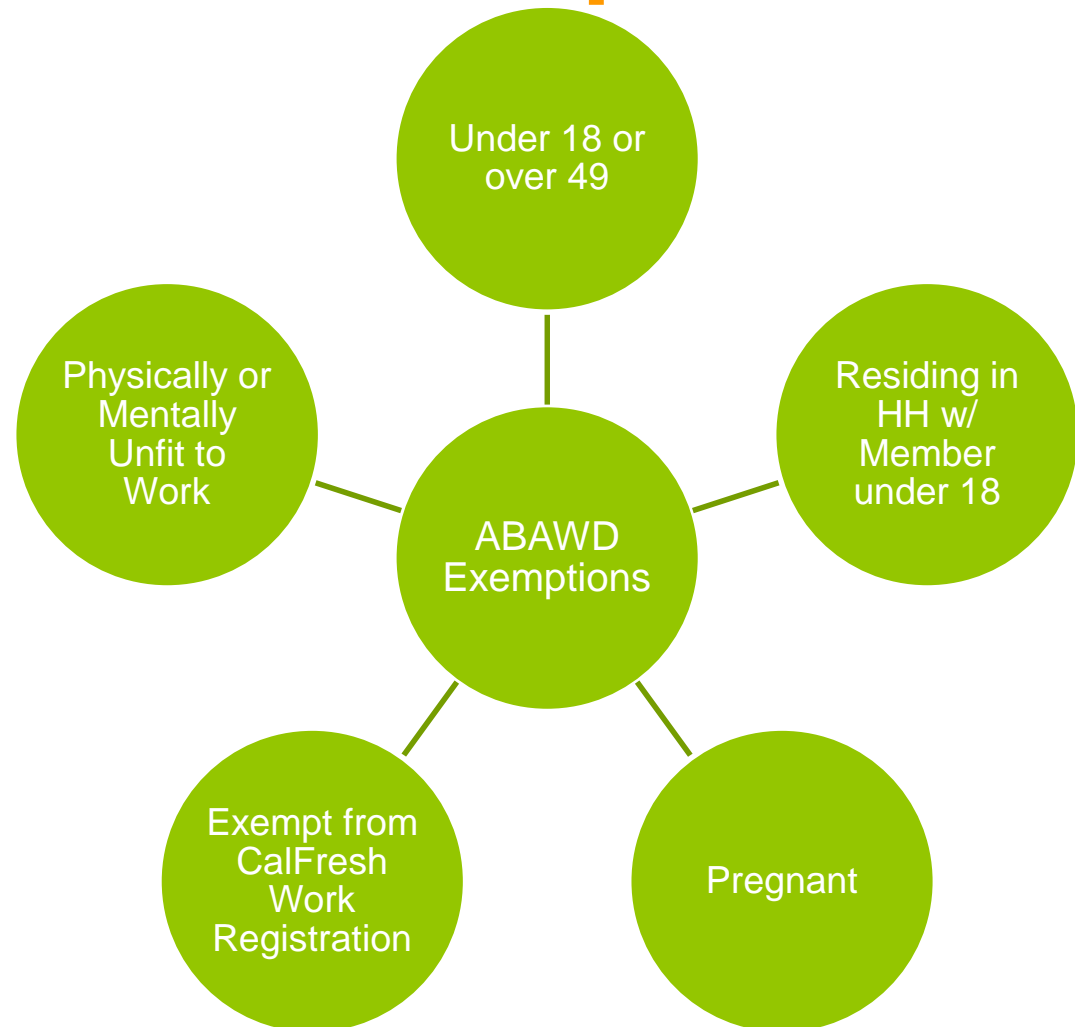
Regaining Eligibility: Satisfying the Work Requirement

- Must have satisfied work requirement for 30 consecutive days through:
 - Employment – including paid, self-employment, and in-kind work,
 - Qualifying work activity - volunteer work, WIOA program, etc., or
 - Any combination of the two.
- Workfare is the exception as it cannot be combined with other methods
- Verification is required



Regaining Eligibility: Qualifying for an Exemption

- Meet criteria for an exemption during any part of the month
- Client education is critical



Regaining Eligibility: Moving to a Waived Area

- Population may be transient
- An ABAWD is no longer subject to the time limit if they move to a waived area
 - They do not need to satisfy the work requirement
- Must reapply for benefits in the new county



Regaining Eligibility: Reaching the end of the 36-Month Period

- When the fixed statewide clock ends, a new clock will begin the following day
- Current fixed statewide clock:
 - January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019
 - Clock will reset on January 1, 2020
- Once a new clock begins, ABAWD eligibility is restored
 - New three countable months
 - New three consecutive months (if eligible)



Review: Regaining Eligibility

- ABAWDs can regain eligibility multiple ways
- Unlimited
 - Only receive the three countable and three consecutive months once
- Clients must reapply after each discontinuance
 - Clients will receive a new certification period each time they regain eligibility
- Reestablishing ABAWD Eligibility
 - Verification required
 - Households of one
 - Existing households

ADDITIONAL THREE MONTH ELIGIBILITY

Three Consecutive Month Policy

Three Consecutive Months

- ABAWDs may be granted an additional three consecutive months of CalFresh eligibility
- Limited circumstances
 - Must have regained eligibility by satisfying the work requirement and then subsequently stopped meeting the work requirement
- Available only once during the 36-month period
- Must be used consecutively

Establishing Consecutive Months

- Consecutive months begin the first month following the date the individual notifies the CWD they are no longer satisfying the work requirement¹
- If satisfying the work requirement through workfare or other county administered program – consecutive months begin the first month following the date the CWD notifies the individual that they are no longer satisfying the work requirement¹

1. MPP 63-410.52

Consecutive Months Examples

- An ABAWD uses their three countable months and is discontinued, do they receive three consecutive months?
- No, they only lost eligibility once.
- An ABAWD lost eligibility for the second time after satisfying the work requirement, do they receive three consecutive months?
- Yes, this is the second time they lost eligibility.

Example #1 – Three Consecutive Months

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
2018	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	P	W	W	W
2019	N	N	N	9	9	P	W	W	C	C	C	9

P = Received partial month of benefits; W = Met the work requirement; N = Received countable month;
 G = Good Cause; Z = Residing in waived area; C= Three consecutive months; 9 = Inactive/Ineligible

Example #2 – Three Consecutive Months

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	P	N	N	N	9	9	9	P	W	W	W	W
2021	W	W	C	C	C	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
2022	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

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Review: Three Consecutive Months

- Three consecutive months must be used together
- Three consecutive months can only be used once within a 36-month period
- The client must use their three countable months before they can receive three consecutive months
- Three consecutive months can only be used after the ABAWD loses eligibility for the second time.

Key Takeaways

- How can the CWD leverage qualifying employment and training programs, volunteer opportunities, and workfare programs?
- How can the CWD best prepare for the administrative challenges associated with ABAWDs regaining eligibility and tracking the three consecutive months?
- What are some best practices in your county or organization regarding ABAWD engagement?

Questions



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Resources

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 - Part 1 – [ABAWD 101](#)
 - Part 2 – [ABAWD Exemptions](#)
 - Part 3 – [Satisfying the ABAWD Work Requirement](#)
 - Part 4 – [Counting Months](#)
- ABAWD Time Limit
 - [ACL 16-24](#) – CalFresh Summary of the ABAWD Time Limit
 - [USDA FNS ABAWD Page](#)

Thank You!



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